

(Enclosure in diary)
HEADQUARTERS PORT OF EMBARKATION
Hoboken, New Jersey

Confidential

May 23, 1918.

Special Orders No. 133.

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41. Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt, 105th Engineers, senior officer in command of troops on board S. S. Talthybius, sailing from Canadian Pacific Piers, Montreal, Quebec, about May 26, 1918, will, upon boarding the ship, assume command of all troops on board.

Copies to:

2—C. O. Troops on board.

1—Adj. General.

1—S. S. Captain.

1—G. S. A. T. S.

RH:RM

By Command of Major General Shanks.

(Seal)

Official:

MAJ. D. A. WATT.

Adjutant.

R. E. LOGAN,

*Lieut.-Col. A. G.,**Acting Chief of Staff.*

May 29, 1918, on Transport Talthybius, Wednesday. All day long we have been sailing across the Gulf of St. Lawrence, most of the time out of sight of any land. Just before dark, 7:30 p.m., we came abreast of Newfoundland; and at 10:30 p. m., were abreast Cape Ray light. At this point we turned south en route to Halifax. Encountered several fog banks, but most of the day we were free from fog. Started our observers (or submarine lookouts) at work today under the direction of Lieutenant Thorne. At night ship is perfectly dark, no lights whatever allowed on deck, cabin or troop decks if there is any chance whatever of their being seen from the outside. It is still very cold and heavy clothes and overcoats are needed. Some motion to boat this p. m. and several were seasick.

May 30, 1918, on Transport Talthybius, Thursday. Awoke this morning at 6 a. m. We are sailing southwest for Halifax about 25 or 30 miles off shore. Clear weather but still cold. No ice in sight but reported by wireless to extend out five to ten miles from coast. Icebergs reported to east of us. Regular routine work. At 4 p.m. three shots were fired from 4.7 inch guns at barrel target. All were good shots. Whale was seen and it followed ship for many miles. Our meals are as follows: 6:30 a. m., coffee and toast; 8:30 breakfast; 12:30, dinner; 3:30, tea and toast; 6:30 supper. Weighed to-